



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 641**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 5, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 641 would replace the requirement for Class V school districts to be divided into new school districts with a provision for the creation of education centers within Class V school districts and would require school districts in learning communities to provide enough openings for students residing outside the attendance area of a school such that at least 10% of the students attending the school could reside outside the attendance area.

Each education center would have an eight member board, which would serve as the school board for the education center. Each Class V school district with education centers would have an administrative board composed of two members from each education center board. The Class V board would determine which responsibilities would be performed by the Class V school district for the benefit of the education centers and which responsibilities would be performed by the education centers. Each education center would be treated as an individual school district for the purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

The Class V school district would retain the authority and responsibility for:

1. Levying property taxes and distributing the proceeds based on the proportionate share of the adjusted valuation of each education center;
2. Determining an equitable contribution from each education center to the Class V school district based on the budget of the Class V school district;
3. Financing, purchasing, constructing, remodeling, and maintaining facilities; and
4. Administration of the retirement system for Class V school employees; and
5. Reporting aggregate information to the Department of Education for the entire Class V school district.

Education centers would be required to have the authority and responsibility for:

1. Hiring teachers, principals, and a superintendent for the education center; and
2. Reporting information to the Department of Education on an individual education center basis.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**